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CHEROKEE FOR THE SECRETARY FROM MAW

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: OVIP (HENRY A. KISSINGER), OGEN

SUBJECT: CHICAGO DAILY NEWS STORY

1. GRUSON CATEGORICALLY DENIES GIVING STORY TO CHICAGO DAILY NEWS PUBLISHED IN EARLY EDITIONS TODAY, AND BEFORE I GOT TO HIM, HE HAD GIVEN A PRESS COMMENT CARRIED BY THE UPI. ACCORDING TO GRUSON'S OFFICE, THAT STORY SAID "THAT GRUSON TOLD DAILY NEWS THAT WE ARE NOT NEGOTIATING WITH KISSINGER. OVER THE PAST TWO OR THREE YEARS GRUSON SPOKE WITH KISSINGER A FEW TIMES ABOUT THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK COMPANY PUBLISHING HIS MEMOIRES. IN THOSE TALKS, GRUSON MENTIONED THAT HE MIGHT WANT TO DO A COLUMN TO BE SYNDICATED THROUGH THE NEW YORK TIMES FEATURE SERVICE. KISSINGER SAID HE WOULD NOT MAKE A DECISION UNTIL HE IS NO LONGER SECRETARY OF STATE. THERE IS NO AGREEMENT GRUSON SAID TO PUBLISH BOOK OR COLUMN. THERE HAVE BEEN TALKS. GRUSON BELIEVES THERE ARE GOING TO BE A HALF DOZEN PUBLISHING HOUSES IN THE FIELD."

2. IN ANY EVENT, GRUSON GOT OFF BASE BY IMPLYING ONGOING DISCUSSIONS.

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3. NEWS STORIES HAVE PROVOKED SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS IN

WHICH I HAVE RESPONDED SIMPLY THAT YOU ARE NOT NOW CONSIDERING ANY PROPOSALS, HAVE NOT MADE ANY DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO BOOKS OR PUBLISHERS OR THE LIKE AND DO NOT INTEND TO DO SO UNTIL AFTER YOU HAVE LEFT THE DEPARTMENT. ROBINSON

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